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COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONON

S. General

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Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents 3016.00/4, 3016.61/1 and 2, 3416.00/1 and 2; COCOM Sub-C(58) 6 and 8; Metals and Alloys Working Paper 29.

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1. The CHAIRMAN asked Delegations whether they were now able to add to the discussion recorded on pages 12 to 14 of COCOM Document No. 3416.00/2.

2. The UNITED STATES Delegate distributed a paper concerning the alloys which would be excluded from embargo if the United Kingdom proposal for part (b) (See COCOM Document 3016.61/2) were adopted. This text is appended to the present record as an Annex. The Delegate then referred to paragraphs 65, 67 and 69 of COCOM Document No. 3416.00/2, and replied to the points raised by his German colleague. As to welding rods, the United States authorities did not believe it would be feasible to free all of these and could see no way of excluding only some; those of pure nickel and those which contained less than 32% of nickel were in any event on the Watch List. As to resistance wires, the Delegate was authorised to agree to a clause which would exclude these from the definition.

3. The GERMAN Delegate thanked the United States Delegate and said that this exclusion would enable him to agree to the retention of the present definition, although he reserved the right to submit to the Committee exceptions requests concerning alloys covered by the present definition and not covered by the definition put forward by the United Kingdom Delegation.

4. It was AGREED to change the definition of Item 1661(b) to read as follows:

(b) Nickel base alloys containing 32% or more nickel in any form, except resistance wires.

This definition would come into force on the 15th March if none of the Member Governments raised an objection before that date.

5. In the course of discussion it became clear that the GERMAN Delegate held that Incoloy would not be embargoed by the above definition, but was covered under Item 1635, as its content of 32% nickel, 20.5% chromium, 1% manganese was completed by 46.5% of iron. In the German Delegation's

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view, a "nickel base alloy" must have nickel as the chief constituent.

6. While agreeing that this point and other similar matters made nickel one of the Committee's chief problems, the CHAIRMAN ruled that the discussion was closed at least until the autumn.

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7. The UNITED STATES Delegate referred to paragraph 80 of COCOM Document No. 3416.00/2, in which the Canadian Delegate had asked for evidence that the Soviet Bloc were reconstituting alloys from scrap. On the basis of technical and intelligence evaluation, the United States authorities considered that it was inconceivable that the Bloc would not do this, especially in view of the ease and commonness with which this was done in the Western world. If the Canadian authorities had any information that the Bloc deviated from this practice, the United States Delegation would greatly appreciate receiving it.

8. The CANADIAN Delegate undertook to convey this to his authorities and to inform the United States Delegation and the Committee of their reply, probably in the course of the following week.

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